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SUBJECT: PERIOD OF VISA VALIDITY FOR PERSONNEL ASSIGNED
EMBASSIES AND CONGENS

REF: MOSCOW 7833

1. WHILE DEPT AGREES THAT LENGTHENING PERIOD OF VALIDITY OF VISAS ISSUED TO PERSONNEL PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED TO THE RESPECTIVE EMBASSIES AND CONGENS WOULD BE MUTUALLY BENEFICIAL AND LABOR-SAVING, AND WOULD CONSTITUTE A STEP FORWARD IN THE CONSULAR REVIEW AND CSCE CONTEXT IN VISA PROCEDURES, WE BELIEVE ISSUANCE OF VISAS FOR INDEFINITE AND OPEN-ENDED "PERIOD OF ASSIGNMENT" WOULD NOT BE PRACTICAL UNDER U.S. PROCEDURES. WE ARE FOCUSSED INSTEAD ON THE IDEA OF AUTHORIZING EMBASSY TO PROPOSE TO MFA THAT MULTIPLE VISAS FOR PERMANENT STAFFS BE RECIPROCALLY VALID FOR THREE YEARS VICE ONE YEAR AS UNDER PRESENT PRACTICE. SUCH CHANGE WOULD MEAN, IN EFFECT, THAT DEPT AND EMBASSY MOSCOW WOULD ISSUE A-1 AND A-2 VISAS TO PERMANENTLY ASSIGNED PERSONNEL OF SOVEMBASSY AND SOVCONGEN

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VALID FOR MULTIPLE ENTRIES FOR THREE YEARS. THERE WOULD BE

NO RPT NO CHANGE IN PRESENT PRACTICES WITH REGARD TO TDYS
TO SOVEMBASSY AND SOVCONGEN, OR WITH REGARD TO ALL CATEGORY
G RPT G VISAS.

2. FBI HAS INITIALLY OBJECTED TO LENGTHENING PERIOD OF
VISA VALIDITY AS DESCRIBED ABOVE, AND HAS MAINTAINED THAT
PROPOSAL MUST BE SUBMITTED TO ICIS. DEPT IS ACTIVELY
CONSIDERING THIS MATTER AND WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED.
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